

# 2013 Youth Summer Camps

## Asian American Community Services

**Contact Info:** Daniel Nam 614-220-4023 x233 [www.aacsohio.org](http://www.aacsohio.org)

**Number to Be Served:** 55

**Number of Weeks of Camp:** 8 June 10 – Aug 2

**Number of Sites:** 1

**Target Geographical Location:** All County

**Summer Enrichment Activity Focus:** Reading and Math

### **Program Description:**

The 2013 HAY (Healthy Asian Youth) Summer Program will provide an educational and carefully crafted 8-week summer program. The camp will be hosted at Glenwood Recreation Center (Columbus Recreation and Parks). The program will address summer learning loss by engaging youth in a variety of academic remediation and enrichment courses centered on math and reading. Supplementary workshops and service learning projects related to health, multiculturalism, nonviolence and leadership. Recreational activities such as swimming, sports and arts will also be provided. All activities will be supported by experienced and culturally proficient staff.

## Boys & Girls Club

**Contact Info:** Nick Jones 614-221-8830 [www.bgccolumbus.org](http://www.bgccolumbus.org)

**Number to Be Served:** 30

**Number of Weeks of Camp:** 10 June 10 – Aug. 16

**Number of Sites:** 2

**Target Geographical Location:** All County

**Summer Enrichment Activity Focus:** Reading and Math

### **Program Description:**

The goal of the summer program is to engage youth in a comprehensive program experience that will achieve positive outcomes in the areas of academic success, good character, citizenship and healthy lifestyles while providing youth with a fun experience that encourages them to further engage with year round programming at the school. The goal is to mitigate summer learning loss while providing fun and constructive activities and programming. The Boys & Girls Club is a pilot site for their national “Brain Game” summer enhancement programming which offers curriculum for elementary, middle and high school students.

## **Broad Street Presbyterian Church**

**Contact Info:** Stephani J. Reid 614-221-6552 [www.bspc.org](http://www.bspc.org)

**Number to Be Served:** 25

**Number of Weeks of Camp:** 9 June 17 – Aug. 16

**Number of Sites:** 1

**Target Geographical Location:** All County

**Summer Enrichment Activity Focus:** Reading and Math

### **Program Description:**

This program will provide an academically based summer camp program which will incorporate social, emotional, cultural awareness, fitness and nutrition activities. The goal is to provide the participants with experiences that may not normally encounter on their own. The program will partner with Children's Hunger Alliance to offer their CATCH and Food Folks programs. The Thiossane African Dance Institute will provide opportunities for the youth to participate in dance, drumming, arts and crafts, learning language, cuisine and culture of West Africa. The youth will also participate in weekly field trips.

## **Central Community House**

**Contact Info:** Nikki Crowder 614-252-3157 [www.cchouse.org](http://www.cchouse.org)

**Number to Be Served:** 50

**Number of Weeks of Camp:** 8 June 17 – Aug. 9

**Number of Sites:** 1

**Target Geographical Location:** Central City

**Summer Enrichment Activity Focus:** Reading and Math

### **Program Description:**

*"Summer Challenge 2013: Board Games"* will utilize the theme of the board games to engage youth in continued learning, cultural exploration, and physical activities. Each day will include an academic/educational component such as hands on aviation based STEM sessions provided by the Young Astronauts of Columbus. CCH partners with the "Tutoring in Your Home," program to assess and plan interventions for the youth enrolled in programs. Campers will regularly attend field trips and participate in arts instruction and projects through the Art in the House program, a partnership with the Greater Columbus Arts Council and Transit Arts. CCH will partner with The Leadership Experience, a two-hour daily leadership and anti-bullying program funded through ADAMH Summer Challenges aims to help create a well-rounded youth by encouraging development in all aspects of life including physical, mental, artistic, scientific/technical, cultural, behavioral and other skills. The goal is to provide tools for the youth to increase feelings of self-worth and choose a life path capable of breaking longstanding cycles of poverty.

## **Columbus Housing Partnership**

**Contact Info:** Gwyn Stetler 614-545-4877 [www.homeportohio.org](http://www.homeportohio.org)

**Number to Be Served:** 40

**Number of Weeks of Camp:** 8 June 17 – Aug. 9

**Number of Sites:** 3

**Target Geographical Location:** 3 sites (1-West, 2-East) at their housing complexes throughout the County

**Summer Enrichment Activity Focus:** Reading and Math

**Program Description:**

Through the Summer Character Camp 2013 children will engage in summer-camp style programming in three of CHP's affordable housing communities [Marsh Run (east); George's Creek (far north) and Emerald Glenn (West)]. Each child participating receives two meals a day through a partnership with Columbus Recreation and Parks. The youth will participate in a variety of structured educational enrichment activities, mentoring programs, and daily health and wellness activities centered on a weekly theme. The enrichment component was designed to promote reading and character building and capacity through social emotional learning. There will be hands-on science learning, physical education and creative expression. The program is primarily staffed by the agency's Summer VISTA Members which are part of the volunteer service programs under the Edward Kennedy Serve America Act.

**Columbus Recreation and Parks**

**Contact Info:** Wendy Frantz 614-645-7427 [www.columbusrecreparks.com](http://www.columbusrecreparks.com)

**Number to Be Served:** 101

**Number of Weeks of Camp:** 8 June 10 – Aug. 2

**Number of Sites:** 16

**Target Geographical Location:** All County

**Summer Enrichment Activity Focus:** Reading

**Program Description:** Columbus Recreation and Parks offers a variety of fee based day camps. Funding from FCDJFS will provide "scholarships" to youth throughout the county. The general day and Therapeutic camps expose campers to the arts through movement, drama and creative projects. Campers will create their own works of art, dance and/or skits. The Great Art Getaway and Dance Camps teach different art mediums through demonstrations and hands-on activities. Both camps will showcase what the campers have learned during an end of camp production. The nature and animal activities give youth the opportunity to learn about a variety of plants, bugs, animals that they see everyday or never knew existed. This camp format provides the opportunity for parents to register their children for different weekly sessions so that they receive a variety of experiences throughout the summer.

**Communities In Schools**

**Contact Info:** Julie Holston 614-268-2472 x22 [www.ciskids.org](http://www.ciskids.org)

**Number to Be Served:** 60

**Number of Weeks of Camp:** 8 June 10 – Aug. 2 and June 17 – Aug. 9

**Number of Sites:** 2

**Target Geographical Location:** Central City

**Summer Enrichment Activity Focus:** Reading

**Program Description:**

This year's summer program theme is "Celebrating Summer Learning with Exceptional Leaders Inspired through Excellence" (ELITE) which will focus on the development of a student around ABCs – attendance, behavior and coursework. This program will target reading and literacy demonstrating that students who receive a fun, cross curricular summer learning environment can grow and achieve during the summer months. The program will feature a variety of activities including science, geography, arts, academic enrichment, recreation and small group interactions. Participants will also be engaged in activities that promote financial responsibility, cultural diversity and healthy lifestyles. Embedded into the programs goals is to empower the participants to embrace the statement of "I will Graduate!"

## **Community Arts Project dba The King Arts Complex**

**Contact Info:** Todd Camp 614-645-0644 [www.kingartscomplex.com](http://www.kingartscomplex.com)  
**Number to Be Served:** 60  
**Number of Weeks of Camp:** 9 June 10 – Aug. 9  
**Number of Sites:** 1  
**Target Geographical Location:** Central City  
**Summer Enrichment Activity Focus:** Reading and Math

**Program Description:** This program is a creative environment that provides campers the opportunity to explore multiple arts disciplines including visual, dance, theatre, music, and literary arts. The artists and campers work through the program to create the final showcase including writing the script, creating props and scenery, costume design, and technical lighting and sound application. This summer's program will feature special literary activities with the Thurber House's Artist-in-Residence and a Kidz Gallery. Campers will create jewelry and other works of art and manage the "business" of selling these pieces at the Heritage Concert Series. The proceeds will support a Camp Fun Activity Day. The program partners with the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department TD2 Dance Camp. This year the program will include a specialty track "Teen Art and Adventure Trek" for those ages 11-13. The goals for the campers are to become exposed to multiple art disciplines, reduce potential for summer learning loss and develop their leadership, discipline and communication skills which in turn increase their self-esteem. The program is also dedicated to reinforcing the family and community nucleus that can and will create a supportive environment for camper to learn and grow.

## **Community Development for All People**

**Contact Info:** David Cofer 614-445-7342 [www.4allpeople.org](http://www.4allpeople.org)  
**Number to Be Served:** 120  
**Number of Weeks of Camp:** 8 June 10 – Aug. 2 and June 17 – Aug. 9  
**Number of Sites:** 2  
**Target Geographical Location:** South  
**Summer Enrichment Activity Focus:** Reading

**Program Description:** The Children's Defense Fund (CDF) Freedom School provides a literacy-rich summer program staffed by adults, college and high school interns. The CDF's Freedom School model integrates reading, conflict resolution and social action in an activity-based curriculum that promotes social, cultural and historical awareness. College age young adults are trained as servant leader interns to deliver the integrated reading curriculum. The participants will be engaged in summer activities based on the theme of *"I Can Make a Difference in My: Self, Family, Community, Nation, and World with Hope, Education and Action"*. This program model provides summer enrichment that helps children fall in love with reading; increases their self esteem and generates more positive attitudes towards learning. The model supports children and families through five essential components: high quality academic enrichment, parent and family involvement, civic engagement and social action, intergenerational leadership development and health and nutrition.

## **Directions for Youth and Families**

**Contact Info:** John Cervi 614-258-8043 [www.dfyf.org](http://www.dfyf.org)  
**Number to Be Served:** 100  
**Number of Weeks of Camp:** 8 June 10 – Aug. 2  
**Number of Sites:** 2  
**Target Geographical Location:** Central City  
**Summer Enrichment Activity Focus:** Reading and Math

**Program Description:** Directions for Youth and Families offers a summer camp experience for low-income youth to provide them with a positive educational and recreational summer experience. Examples of activities offered include: arts, fitness and recreation, prevention-education groups that promote healthy life choices, gardening, and service learning projects. The educational groups will be age appropriate and use a modified version of the SAMHSA *Life Skills* curriculum including topics of: leadership development, consequences of substance use and delinquent behaviors, positive decision making, anger management, conflict resolution and problem solving skills. This year the program will incorporate daily learning enrichment activities in math and reading. Youth will have the opportunity to participate in weekly educational field trips to places such as the Columbus Zoo, COSI, the Ohio Statehouse, and the Columbus Museum of Art. At the end of summer, youth can participate in an end-of-summer talent show for their families.

### **Easter Seals Central and Southeast Ohio**

**Contact Info:** Candace Knight 614-228-5523 [www.centralohio.easterseals.com](http://www.centralohio.easterseals.com)

**Number to Be Served:** 30

**Number of Weeks of Camp:** 8 June 17 – Aug. 16

**Number of Sites:** 1

**Target Geographical Location:** South

**Summer Enrichment Activity Focus:** Reading and Math

### **Program Description:**

The focus of the summer program is the promotion and acquisition of math, literacy and social skills. This program targets students with developmental disabilities or, at minimum students, with IEP (Individual Education Plans). Program activities include academic programming inclusive of STEM activities, group and individual reading time, social skills development, character building activities, health and nutrition programs and community awareness projects. Campers will participate in Reader's Theater which incorporates literacy, group games, and crafts that promote a specific skill each week. Character building activities will follow similar initiatives as promoted within the schools such as honesty, respect, integrity, etc. Campers will learn about a wide variety of health and safety and community issues related topics from guest speakers from throughout the community. Physical activities and field trips will be incorporated as routine sessions of the program

### **Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services**

**Contact Info:** Amanuel Merdassa 614-252-5362 [ethiotss.org](http://ethiotss.org)

**Number to Be Served:** 92

**Number of Weeks of Camp:** 8 June 17 – Aug. 9

**Number of Sites:** 3

**Target Geographical Location:** North, East/Central, and West

**Summer Enrichment Activity Focus:** Reading and Math

### **Program Description:**

The Summer Enrichment Camp is an 8-week comprehensive program covering academic enrichment in reading and math, cultural enrichment, physical fitness and health, and leadership development. The purpose of the program is to ensure effective, culturally sensitive, educational, and fun activities for refugee, immigrant and low income youth with the aim to get them ready for the next grade level as well as life. The program will link nutrition and physical fitness to fun activities such as music and arts. Each participant will meet their basic physical and social needs during constructive activities, learning how to follow instructions and good sportsmanship behavior through various sports. A community garden will help campers to understand the importance of living a healthy lifestyle. Participants will increase language arts and math skills through extended educational enrichment activities. The program will have youth from diverse backgrounds exposing them to a variety of cultures through activities such as Liberian/Ethiopian drumming and dance; Amharic, Somali and Spanish language instruction; and an emphasis on cross cultural communication and understanding. Participants will gain a better understanding of the larger community through various presentations from community leaders, Teens from the ETSS Leadership program and participation in the ETSS Community Garden Project. Campers, age 12 &13, will be invited to participate in the organization's "A Call to Action Youth Summit."

## **Godman Guild Association**

**Contact Info:** Anjanette Robertson 614-294-5476 x 151 [www.godmanguild.org](http://www.godmanguild.org)

**Number to Be Served:** 81

**Number of Weeks of Camp:** 8 June 17 – Aug. 9

**Number of Sites:** 1

**Target Geographical Location:** North

**Summer Enrichment Activity Focus:** Reading and Math

**Program Description:** Godman Guild's Summer Youth Empowerment Program (SYEP) offers youth ages 5-13 a summer day camp opportunity that offers activities aimed at bridging the summer learning gap, encouraging age specific social skill development and offering employment education for "graduated" campers age 14-18. The program blends therapeutic activities such as the Wilderness Bond (high ropes, climbing wall, cooperative games and initiative challenges), anger management and hygiene with more traditional day camp activities such swimming lessons, water safety, hiking, creative arts, cultural lessons and field games. The program takes it one step further by incorporating "educational adventures" that are designed to reinforce and increase math, reading, and science literacy culminating in a creative and holistic approach to summertime education and fun. The theme for SYEP is PRIDE: Peace, Respect, Identity, Discovery and Excellence. This acronym represents the program goals and is reflected throughout the daily activities and interactions. Participants are transported daily to Camp Mary Orton from which most program activities occur.

## **Hilltop Christian CDC**

**Contact Info:** Rachael Moore 614-279-4223 [www.hilltopchristiancommunity.com](http://www.hilltopchristiancommunity.com)

**Number to Be Served:** 40

**Number of Weeks of Camp:** 8 June 17 – Aug. 9

**Number of Sites:** 1

**Target Geographical Location:** All County

**Summer Enrichment Activity Focus:** Reading

### **Program Description:**

The Hilltop Prime Time (HPT) program provides a high quality afterschool and summer learning programs to low income youth in the "hilltop" area of Columbus. The summer camp program will incorporate learning activities in 8 essential elements: math, reading, science, leadership, social skills development, arts and crafts, nutrition, and physical fitness. The youth will participate in a variety of non-conventional learning and experiential activities as they work to mitigate the summer learning loss. Youth will participate in the Hilltop Community Garden. Math lessons will be incorporated into a Cooking/Math Lab where they will utilize foods grown in the garden. Youth will participate in anti-bullying and character building workshops. Weekly field trips will further stimulate learning while providing recreation and fitness.

## **Homeless Families Foundation**

**Contact Info:** Gale Hacker 614-461-9247 x 201 [www.homelessfamiliesfoundation.org](http://www.homelessfamiliesfoundation.org)

**Number to Be Served:** 55

**Number of Weeks of Camp:** 8 June 10 – Aug. 2

**Number of Sites:** 1

**Target Geographical Location:** West (Franklinton) and Central City

**Summer Enrichment Activity Focus:** Reading and Math

**Program Description:** The Homeless Families Foundation provides summer camp programming for youth who are currently or were recently involved in the homeless system. The program focuses on academic enhancement, social enrichment and recreation. Morning activities target academic programming involving reading and math intervention and personalized tutoring. In addition to the academics, campers will participate in enrichment activities including: Summer Fit – a physical fitness program; gardening with Columbus State Community College's GAP MEE Program (Getting Ahead Professionally Mentoring Excellence in Employment); and a weekly nutrition and health program facilitated by a master gardener and owner of the Sankofa Urban Framing Projects. Additional enrichment and recreational activities are scheduled in the afternoon and include programming such as: Otterbein College's Earth Science Program, Columbus Zoo Habitat Hollow Program, and Thurber House – Writer's Workshop, Columbus Story-Tellers, Columbus Children's Theatre, and Grange's Audubon Center outings. Physical fitness activities and general free play are scheduled daily. Regularly scheduled trips to area pools, parks, and fields trips are also incorporated into the camp.

### **J. Ashburn Jr. Youth Center**

**Contact Info:** Jackie Kemp 614-351-9730 [www.jashburn.org](http://www.jashburn.org)

**Number to Be Served:** 100

**Number of Weeks of Camp:** 8 June 10 – Aug. 2

**Number of Sites:** 1

**Target Geographical Location:** West

**Summer Enrichment Activity Focus:** Reading and Math

**Program Description:** The J. Ashburn Jr. Youth Center Summer Life Enrichment Program (SLEP) provides programming that is a combination of both academic and social development activities geared towards teaching high-risk, inner-city youth the skills to become successful in life. The four major program components are; (1) Academic Assistance: reading, writing and math curriculum will be taught daily. Pre and post tests will be administered to measure gains; (2) STREAM (science, technology, recreation, engineering, arts and math) are incorporated into regular program activities. Each program week will focus on one of the topics with hands-on experiential activities and field trips; (3) Life Skills programming and activities are integrated throughout all phases of the program; and (4) Recreation and Physical Activity: participants engage in fun physical fitness, enjoy the camaraderie of playing in a tea format with peers and learn to become responsible adolescents and adults throughout the program. Each week ends with Fun Fridays where participants will showcase what they learned during the week. They will also have the opportunity to invite community partners to expose our youth to various programs that they might not otherwise experience

### **Salvation Army**

**Contact Info:** Stephanie Shoup 614-437-2155 [www.SalvationArmyCentralOhio.org](http://www.SalvationArmyCentralOhio.org)

**Number to Be Served:** 100

**Number of Weeks of Camp:** 9 June 10 – Aug. 9

**Number of Sites:** 4

**Target Geographical Location:** All County

**Summer Enrichment Activity Focus:** Reading and Math

**Program Description:** Salvation Army will offer summer camp programming at four (4) of their Learning Centers (East Main St., Livingston Ave., West Mound, and the Citadel on Morse Rd). The Youth will participate in daily academic enrichment activities, creative arts, gross motor activities, nutrition and wellness activities, social development, STEM projects, field trips and other hands-on experiences. The youth will also participate in the Summer Reading program sponsored by the Columbus Metropolitan Library. There will be weekly themes which will focus in areas where the youth have had little to no experience. There will be weekly field trips, generally related to the theme of the week. The purpose of the field trips is to expose youth to places, people and things that they may not ordinarily be able to experience, as well as to reinforce the themed learning concepts of the week.

## **St. Stephen's Community House**

**Contact Info:** Marilyn J. Mehaffie 614-294-6347 x 135 [www.saintstephensch.org](http://www.saintstephensch.org)

**Number to Be Served:** 131

**Number of Weeks of Camp:** 8 June 17 – Aug. 9

**Number of Sites:** 1

**Target Geographical Location:** North – Greater Linden Area

**Summer Enrichment Activity Focus:** Reading and Math

### **Program Description:**

The program will utilize a multi-component approach for summer 2013. The program will combine a number of STEM and developmental activities that will challenge and engage the students over the course of eight (8) weeks. Project L.I.N.K is an all day camp which is aligned with the overall strategy of Columbus City Schools and its partners to prepare students year-round for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education. The summer program is led by St. Stephen's Community House Staff, Columbus City School teachers and college students serving as teaching assistants and mentors. Students will experience hands-on learning daily based on weekly themes such as the Science of Music, The Science of Sports, the Human Body, Everyday Science, Problem Solving, etc. Additionally, all youth will participate in developmental activities such as self-esteem improvement, bully prevention, nutrition, and health and wellness programs.

## **Urban Resurrection CDC**

**Contact Info:** Dorinda Conner 614-348-6112 N/A

**Number to Be Served:** 40

**Number of Weeks of Camp:** 8 June 17 – Aug. 9

**Number of Sites:** 1

**Target Geographical Location:** Central City

**Summer Enrichment Activity Focus:** Reading

### **Program Description:**

This program will utilize the Children's Defense Fund (CDF) Freedom School model which integrates reading, conflict resolution and social action in an activity-based curriculum that promotes social, cultural and historical awareness. The participants will be engaged in summer activities based on the theme of *"I Can Make a Difference in My: Self, Family, Community, Nation, and World with Hope, Education and Action."* In addition to the Freedom School curriculum, participants will be exposed to a wide variety of social enrichment and physical fitness activities to provide a well-rounded camp experience. The program will partner with Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority on recruitment and the Columbus City schools to host the program at Trevitt Elementary School.

## **Whitehall City Schools**

**Contact Info:** Catherine Reesman 614-417-5021 [www.whitehallcityschools.org](http://www.whitehallcityschools.org)

**Number to Be Served:** 75

**Number of Weeks of Camp:** 9 June 24 – Aug. 23

**Number of Sites:** 1

**Target Geographical Location:** Northeast and South

**Summer Enrichment Activity Focus:** Reading and Math



**Program Description:**

The theme for this summer program is again, “*The Science of....*” This is due to the overwhelming response and success of the program last summer and the need to continue to expose students to STEM activities. Campers will go on a scientific adventure of sight, sound and sensation! The activities are designed to provide academic enrichment and artistic expression as a part of students’ exploration of science, math, health, nutrition, physical fitness (movement), character building, and cultural awareness and career exploration. In addition to the STEM activities routine reading enrichment will be offered as will daily physical activity. Each week the students will participate in a variety of projects and activities related to the weekly theme various projects will be documented in a “digital journal.” At the end of camp, parents and community members will be afforded the opportunity to participate in an exhibit that showcases the learning experiences of the students

**YMCA of Central Ohio**

**Contract Info:** Caroline Rankin 614-384-2281 [www.ymcacolumbus.org](http://www.ymcacolumbus.org)

**Number to Be Served:** 89

**Number of Weeks of Camp:** 10 June 10 – Aug. 16

**Number of Sites:** 7

**Target Geographical Location:** All County

**Summer Enrichment Activity Focus:** Reading and Math

**Program Description:** The YMCA offers a variety of weekly thematic camps totaling 10 weeks of summer programming. Camp programming is offered in various YMCA and partner locations at seven (7) sites throughout the county. Youth will have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of activities and summer day camp experiences including: fitness and recreational sports, weekly themed based activities and programs, swimming, arts and crafts, nature adventures, and organized field trips. In order to continue to be at the fore front of childhood obesity each camp location will use the evidenced based *Food & Fun* program which is designed to develop healthy habits by teaching and promoting healthy snacks and recipes, physical activity, and developing creative healthy living activities. A component for this year’s summer camps is the addition of the summer enrichment activities which will incorporate reading and math activities into the daily schedule as a means to mitigate the issue of summer learning loss.